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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT MINISTER
VICTOR ALVES

1. DUTCH NEWS MAGAZINE ELSEVIER CARRIES EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW IN ITS OCT 19 ISSUE WITH GOP MINISTER VICTOR ALVES, A LEADING MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. EMBASSY POUCHING TRANSLATION OF INTERVIEW TO ADDRESSEES. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERVIEW WHICH TOOK PLACE IN SAO BENTO PALACE IN LISBON WITH ELSEVIER'S CORRESPONDENT, CARLOS PERES DIAS.

2. ALVES EXPECTS ELECTIONS FOR PORTUGUESE PARLIAMENT TAKE PLACE AROUND JULY 1975. DATE WOULD DEPEND ON CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLETING ITS WORK AFTER IT ELECTED MARCH 25, 1975. IN MEANTIME PRESENT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN IN POWER, WITH ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (MFA) KEEPING WATCHFUL EYE OUT TO ENSURE THAT "A BALANCE IS MAINTAINED." MFA WOULD NOT BECOME POLITICAL PARTY AND WOULD NOT BE PART OF ELECTED GOVERNMENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ASKING HIS OPINION OF NATO

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